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EASLEY APPOINTS MEMBERS TO THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMISSION

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley appointed four members to the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission.

Easley appointed **Mary Ethel Perry** of Wendell, the owner and operator of Riley Hill Grocery and retired worker with the North Carolina Department of Corrections; **Roberto J. Ortiz** of Wilson, a community development specialist for the City of Wilson since August 2000; and **Thomas L. Walker** of Rocky Mount, a pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church for the past 31 years.

Easley reappointed **John Leonard Whitley** of Buis Creek, director of human resources for the Harnett County Public Schools since March 2000.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Commission works to encourage appropriate ceremonies and activities throughout the state relating to the observance of the legal holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. The Commission promotes an awareness and appreciation of the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. to the people of North Carolina.

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